

REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct some minor clerical errors. The claims have been amended to correct the improper multiple dependencies listed therein. Claims 1-18 are pending in this application.

The amendments to the specification are merely corrections of apparent clerical errors. Specifically, the gist of amendments is as follows.

In the amendments to the paragraph starting at page 1, line 6 and page 9, line 4, each "a silica particle content of 30 % by weight or less" appearing at page 1, lines 12 to 13 and page 9, lines 13 to 14 has been amended to -- a silica particle content of 30 % by weight or more --. Support for these amendments is found at, for example, page 18, lines 2 to 3 of the present specification.

In the amendments to the paragraph starting at page 25, line 18, "3-dimethoxy-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane" appearing at page 33, line 25 has been amended to -- 1,3-dimethoxy-1,1,3,3-tetramethyldisiloxane --. This correction is apparent from the chemical structure of this compound which contains a "dimethoxy".

In the amendments to the paragraph starting at page 58, line 5, "silica content of the surface of the antireflection film" appearing at page 58, lines 13 to 14 has been amended to -- silicon atom content of the surface of the antireflection film --. Support for this amendment is found at, for example, page 9, lines 15 to 16 of the present specification.

Amendments to claims 4, 6, 11, 12, 13, 16, 17 and 18 have been made only for removing multiple-multiple dependency expressions of the claims.

Thus, in the instant amendments, no new matter has been introduced.

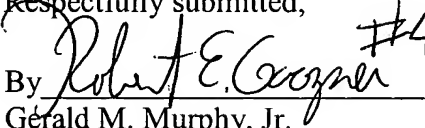
Conclusion

Entry of the above amendments is earnestly solicited. An early and favorable first action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gerald M. Murphy, Jr. (Reg. No. 28,977) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.14; particularly, extension of time fees.

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